

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations
and is not a part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,
please do not report the images to the
Image Problem Mailbox.**

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the claim of priority to the parent European Application.

The claims have been amended to present originally presented multiple-dependent claims as regular dependent claims and to eliminate typographical and grammatical errors.

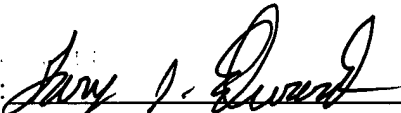
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the signing attorney at 650-849-6622 or by email at gary.edwards@finnegan.com.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: June 7, 2004

By: 

Gary J. Edwards
Reg. No. 41,008